

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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August 12, 2009

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 East Street, SW Washington, DC 20423-0001 Office of Proceedings

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Dear Ms. Quinlan:

SUBJECT: Proposed Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company Abandonment in

Dickinson County, Michigan - STB Docket No. AB-506 (Sub-No. 1X)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of August 19, 2008. The MDNR and the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Sincerely,

James Radabaugh, State Trails Coordinator Forest, Mineral and Fire Management 517-373-1276

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cc: Mr. Thomas J. Healey, Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company

Mr. Robert Fowler, Rail Property Management

Ms. Stacy Welling, MDNR

Mr. David Freed, MDNR